

URKISH FORCE IS ANNIHILATED

British Capture or Destroy Entire Army—New Advance in Palestine.

London, March 28.—The entire Turkish force in the Hitt area in Mesopotamia has been captured or destroyed by the British, the war office announces. Three thousand prisoners were taken.

River Jordan Crossed.
London, March 28.—A further advance by the British forces, which have crossed the River Jordan in Palestine, is announced by the war office.

LEEPS ON RAILROAD TRACK AND GETS HIT

James Hamilton, aged about 22, a tinsmith employed on the night shift at the mines at Whitwell, was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when he was struck by a train about half a mile south of Victoria. Information obtained Thursday is that Hamilton sat on the railroad to wait until a friend of his came up from a field in which he was plowing. While waiting he fell asleep and was struck by a train. He sustained a crushed skull, a picked up and carried to Victoria, where he was taken to the hospital. Dr. J. L. Seay, of Whitwell, operated on him and trephined the skull.

The injured man was brought to Chattanooga Thursday morning and moved to Newell's infirmary in an ambulance. Dr. Seay accompanied him.

Dr. Seay stated Thursday afternoon in the telephone that Hamilton was doing fairly well.

Hamilton resides at Victoria, and on account of his work in the mines is forced not to have been getting much sleep.

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No Hysteria Among Refugees Hurrying From Battle Zones

British Army Headquarters in France, Wednesday, March 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French refugees of the better class, of those who are departing from the zones of actual operations, are coming out clad in all their finery, which represents the styles of four or five years ago. Then there are sturdy peasants with wooden shoes and clumsily constructed clothes, riding in vehicles drawn by horses or donkeys or in carts pushed by men, and some are even in wheelbarrows. Upon these queer transports are stacked strange assortments of personal belongings.

There is deep pathos in all this but none struck the correspondent more forcibly than the appearance of a tiny girl who trudged in her wooden shoes along a hard dusty road, her eyes fastened anxiously upon a dirty rag doll perched precariously at the top of household effects which were being pushed along by an old man.

BRITISH TOMMIES, STRAIGHT FROM WESTERN FRONT, ALL OPTIMISTIC

If there is any pessimism or doubt as to the outcome of the colossal battle now raging in Europe to decide the fate of the world, it does not seem to be found among the British soldiers either here or there.

Almost every one has seen the smart-looking British Tommies and the French poilus now quartered at the British and French mission school at Camp Forrest, who together with their officers frequently add to the picturesque scene of the soldiers of three nations to be seen on Market street.

Straight from the trenches and the belching guns of hate, barbed wire entanglements, poisonous gas, desolate towns, the cold, rain, the mud, the fire, the thunder and the hell of a world at war, one would never think from the appearance of these men, save for a slight limp or a scar on the cheek or forehead and the golden stripes on the sleeves, denoting the times wounded and the years on the front, that they represent every front on which their respective armies are engaged.

There are men here who were at Vimy ridge, Verdun, Charleroi, Mons, the Somme, the battle of the Marne, Gallipoli, and with the British troops in Palestine; men who have slept and eaten for days with their gas masks on; men whose steel helmets have been dented a dozen times with flying shrapnel.

However, these men are as dapper and debonair as you please, and invariably send you away with a smile.

only recently toured the old region he found hundreds of acres of land under cultivation, and affairs in many hamlets were proceeding almost as though there were no war.

It seems unbelievable that these pleasant little valleys and wooded elevations are again in possession of the enemy and that the cottages stand empty.

Insofar as it was possible everything which might have been of use to the Germans has been removed with the refugees. In particular, large numbers of cattle have been taken away by the owners, who patiently drove the beasts on ahead of them along the weary roads.

There Are Few Tears.
While it is a sad spectacle, these people moving away with their few household possessions and their dogs and their cattle, there are few tears or hysterical outbreaks among the refugees, most of whom are of the peasant class. They know they must go and they seem to be trusting implicitly in the British, but the misery in their eyes as they turn from all they love to a world they do not know is touching. Aged women clinging to the hands of little grandchildren, men stooped with years, youths and maidens—all fall into a posture such as only war or some other great catastrophe can produce and every detail in this endless cinematograph is of absorbing interest.

"The Hun shall never pass," they say. Yesterday afternoon a reporter was on his way down Market street from the Patten hotel, when he ran into a British Tommy.

"What's the news?" asked the Tommy.

"They are holding 'em on all fronts," was the reply.

"Oh, we shall hold them," said the English soldier.

The reporter commented on the steadiness of the British soldier through history and the present war.

"It is confidence in our officers," replied the Tommy. "We shall hold out until the last man" (the last being said as nonchalantly as if the Briton had been referring to a tea).

Further down the street the reporter met a British sergeant. "Hold them? Most assuredly yes," he said emphatically. "And it is my personal opinion that the next day or so we will give them an awful hiding."

The reporter discussed the present battle with a good many people, including one colonel and a major of the American army, and the only note of pessimism he encountered was at The News building when he interviewed the elevator boy, who seemed to be suffering with the glooms.

"What's the matter with you, Will?" he asked.

"I've got de war blues," was the sad reply.

"How's that?" inquired the reporter.

"I've done been drafted," said Will, "and everything looks very conceit-

local. Every time I goes to de Sentist I gets arrested to see if I see registered. It's a good-by, old world." Thus lamented William, who hasn't seen his Verdun.

"I likes de United States and I likes to stay here," he said, as the reporter got off the elevator.

ROTARIANS HAVE BUSY NOONDAY SESSION

Hear Talk on Tanks—Report Five Thousand Raised for Crittenton Home.

At Thursday's meeting of the Rotary club a number of specially invited guests were present, and in the course of the hour allotted for the meeting were given a good impression of the activities of the club. So much were they impressed that when several were called upon they could not refrain from expressing great admiration for the spirit that actuated the membership and the many things they were doing as a further manifestation of their activities along several lines.

The announcement that the club had come "over the top" and made good their pledge of \$5,000 towards the erection of the Crittenton detention home was greeted with applause. Several hundred books contributed to the club were another evidence that the members are not only contributing money toward the various war activities but are going still further. The chairman of the committee on old clothes announced that several hundred pieces of wearing apparel had been received and turned over to the local Red Cross chapter.

The principal speaker of the day was Evangelist Luther Bridges, who made an interesting talk in which he paid a glowing tribute to the Rotary club and especially the work they were doing at the present time. Mr. Wolsiagel, soloist, sang "Send Ten" followed by the "Smile." This was followed by the singing of "Over There," members of the club joining in the chorus. Capt. Campbell, formerly in charge of the military police at Chickamauga park but now in charge of a tank company which is being raised in Chattanooga, spoke upon the plans for the raising of this company, and called upon the club to assist in the recruiting, to the end that a complete company would be formed before April 1. A committee, with Clem Woodworth as chairman, was appointed to assist in this movement.

Other guests present at the meeting were Rev. E. E. Wiley, pastor Centenary M. E. church, Mike Finn, manager Chattanooga baseball club, Wiley West, chairman of the "On to Kansas" committee of the Atlanta Rotary club, and F. Reese Wofford, president Retail Grocers' association of Chattanooga.

CAMOUFLAGE EXPERTS APPLIED TO ENLIST

(Special to The News.)
Knoxville, March 28.—Two camouflage "experts," women, applied at an army recruiting station here for enlistment in Uncle Sam's artists' corps.

Their rosy complexion supported their contention that they were experienced in the art, but the recruiting officer informed them with regret that he has no authority to accept women yet.

Then they demanded that they be taken for the engineering division, and again claimed that they had experience in this profession, but the recruiting officer was not so sure of their assertions this time. They walked away, disappointed because they were rejected.

LEVEE COMMITTEE EXPANDS MEMBERSHIP; GETS DOWN TO WORK

A meeting of the levee committee has been called for Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, to be held at the chamber of commerce building on Broad street in the auditorium.

The original levee committee was composed of seventeen members. However, it has been greatly enlarged and now has a membership of approximately seventy. At the meeting Friday the members will form an association, which will be known as the Chattanooga Levee association.

In selecting the members a representative from practically every civic organization in the city has been appointed, taking in the Rotary club, the Retail Merchants' association, the Automobile club and others.

The full list of the members of the association is as follows:
J. Bead Voigt, A. J. Gahagan, T. C. Thompson, Fred Robinson, C. S. Andrews.

Real Estate Exchange—D. C. Peglar, J. S. Rodriguez, N. T. Montague, J. J. Wall, J. R. Evans, Herman Ferguson.

Society of Engineers—E. E. Betts, J. A. Fairleigh, D. H. Wood.

Manufacturers' Association—Z. W. Wheland, Mercer Reynolds.

Clearinghouse Association—F. L. Underwood, C. A. Lyerly, W. A. Sudd.

Chattanooga Bar Association—Col. E. Watkins, George D. Lancaster, William R. Snyder.

Jobbers' Association—John Stag-

maier, J. L. Handy, W. S. Palmer.

Rotary Club—O. B. Andrews, Harry F. Grisco, Fred Cantrell.

Retail Merchants' Association—Charles Hardie, F. E. Mahoney, T. H. McClure.

Retail Grocers' Association—F. R. Woolford, B. E. Hodge, O. F. Bean.

Young Men's Chamber of Commerce—A. Bell, Jo Conn Guild, Jr., Earl Wester.

Chattanooga Fire Underwriters' Association—Stanley Lachman, N. H. Grady, Sam A. Conner.

Chattanooga Life Underwriters' Association—W. C. Mayberry, J. W. Bishop, Ed E. Brown.

Chattanooga Automobile Club—P. G. Smallwood, D. W. Thomas.

Kiwanis Club—O. P. Darwin, C. E. Gearden, Charles E. Watson.

Society of Architects—J. D. Alsop, R. H. Hunt, Clarence T. Jones.

United Commercial Travelers' Association—W. T. Gaston, R. B. Krepps, W. A. Owen.

Chattanooga Medical Association—Dr. J. W. McQuillan.

Pastors' Association—Dr. W. F. Smith, Dr. T. S. McCallie, Dr. C. H. Myers.

Chattanooga Times—L. G. Walker.

Chattanooga News—G. F. Milton.

Hamilton County Herald—W. B. Cleage.

Labor World—F. T. Carter.

Builders' Exchange—Fred Arn, W. S. Milne, A. F. Hahn, Walter Holmes, F. B. Sloan.

his brother had gone and that he was glad of the opportunity to join the colors and follow him.

ROTARY CLUB BEHIND NEW TANK COMPANY

Mass Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Sunday to Boost Enlistments.

Red-blooded, high-grade mechanics are wanted in tank service. Members of the Rotary club say these men will be found. A city-wide advertising campaign with the Rotary club squarely back of it will hustle up the Chattanooga tank company.

Forty men have already enlisted at the Armory for immediate service. There will be no waiting to get across. Men enlisting in tank company now should get in ten days. According to Capt. R. Potter Campbell the tank company is the most attractive and high-grade service in the army. They rank with the engineer corps and are paid as high as engineers.

More commissioned and noncommissioned officers are used in the tank service than in any other branch of fighting. All promotions are made from the ranks. Any red-blooded, high-grade mechanic, chauffeur, or motor expert can step into a good position by applying at the Armory.

A great mass meeting will be held at the chamber of commerce Sunday under auspices of the Rotary club, to explain thoroughly the entire work.

The first man to enlist in the Chattanooga tank company was John Somers. It is an interesting fact that John Somers' brother, Capt. Somers, of the medical department, was the first American doctor serving under American colors, killed in France.

Mr. Somers, when enlisting, said he was the last boy in his family, that

BEST GERMAN GENERALS DIRECTING OFFENSIVE

Von Katheren at Peronne, Von Below in Arras, Von Hutier at St. Quentin.

London, March 28.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at the front says the offensive is being directed by the best of the German generals, who won the successes in the east.

The commands are now known, the correspondent says, "to be held by Gen. Von Katheren, in charge of the Peronne group; Gen. Otto von Below, in the sector east of Arras, and by Gen. Von Hutier, south of St. Quentin. The two first named generals are probably the ablest commanders in the German empire."

"Gen. Von Katheren was at Ypres and on the Somme and at the battle of the Aisne in April, 1917. He went to Gallia, conducted the operations against Tarnopol and assisted in the capture of Riga. Gen. Otto von Below, who must not be mistaken for Gen. Fritz von Below, was in Russia during 1914-15 and did very sound work. Then he went to Macedonia, where he is credited with saving the situation after the taking of Monastir, and thence back to France. Last autumn he went to Italy."

Gen. Von Hutier was the captor of Riga and is known to have laid his plans very carefully, although in that event he had an easy job. In some respects the dispositions he made there were adopted for the purpose of the present offensive."

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